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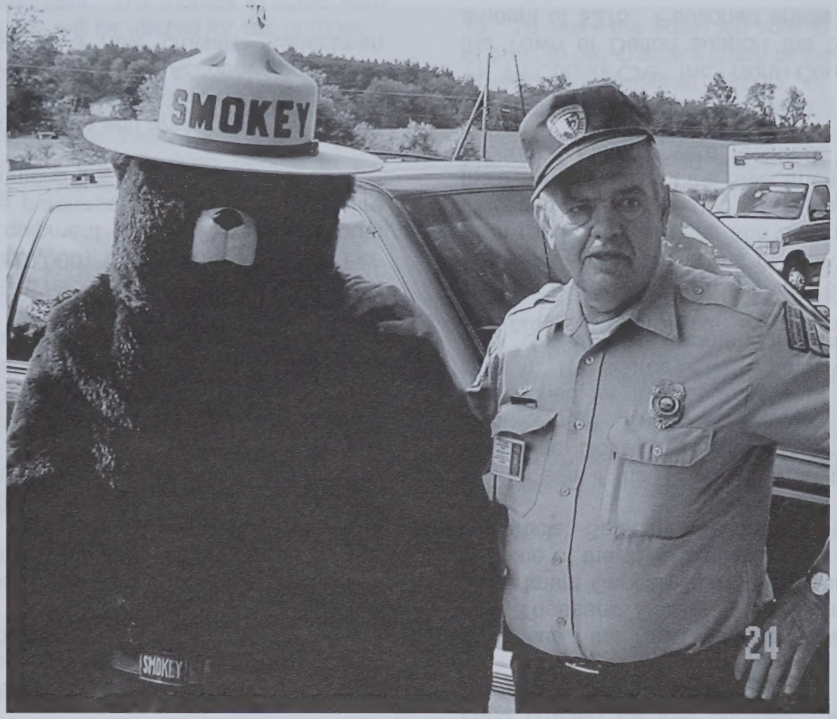
Annual Report of the Town Offices of

Dalton, New Hampshire

For the year ending December 31, 2005

"The little unremembered acts of kindness and love are the best parts of a person's life."



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The Selectmen would like to dedicate this year's Town Report to Allan Bean. Allan exemplified all that was good in small town America. He loved Dalton and Dalton loved him. The Town is a richer place for his having been here and he will not be forgotten.

"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give."

Thank you Allan for what you gave.

DALTON TOWN WARRANT

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Dalton, NH on Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2006, to act upon the itemized subjects to follow. The polls will open at 8 a.m. in the forenoon and will close at 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the Dalton School Gymnasium and will be opened at 7 o'clock in the evening.

1. To elect all necessary officers for the year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Sixty One Thousand Eight Hundred Ten Dollars ($661,810) for general Town operations.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000) to be added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purchase and replacement of highway equipment. Selectmen recommend this article.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000) to be added to the Sewer Pump Renovation and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Selectmen recommend this article.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000) to be added to the Fire Department Major Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purchase and replacement of fire equipment. Selectmen recommend this article.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund Account previously established for the purchase of a new cruiser. Selectmen recommend this article.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Dollars ($148,000) for the purchase of a new Highway Department 10 wheel dump truck and to authorize the issuance of not more than Eighty Two Thousand Dollars ($82,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and furthermore; to authorize the withdrawal of Sixty Six Thousand Dollars ($66,000) from the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. A 2/3 ballot vote is required. Selectmen recommend this article.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Capital Reserve Account. Such funds to come from the sale of the 1989 highway truck. Taxes will not be raised for this article. Selectmen recommend this article.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Thousand Dollars ($1,000) to be added to the Pay Per Bag Replacement Expendable Trust Fund Account previously established for the repurchase of bags for the "Pay Per Bag" system. The source of these funds will be 25 cents from each bag sold. Selectmen recommend this article.

10. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for purposes of paving town roads and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars ($25,000) to be placed in this fund. Also to see if the Town will appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this account. Majority vote required. Selectmen recommend this article.

11. Tri-County CAP, Inc., North Country Elderly Programs request the Town of Dalton support the Senior Meals Program in the amount of $215. Petitioned article. The Selectmen recommend this article.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000) for the purchase of Less Lethal technology for the Police Department. The monies to come from grants/donations. No public funds will be utilized for this purpose.

13. To see if the voters will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,650 (One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars) to help support The Caleb Group Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program that serves the needs of elderly and disabled people in the community. Petitioned article. The Selectmen recommend this article.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,500) for continuing work on the Master Plan.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Two Dollars ($6,582) for the purchase of a digital/analog base station radio and remote controls for the Dalton Emergency Operations Center and Town Office. The monies to come from a Homeland Security Grant from the NH Dept of Safety. No other public funds will be used for this purpose.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500) for the continued work on bringing the "Cross Rd" up to Class V specifications.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($750) for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services Inc. (ACHS), a non profit community health center offering a network of affordable primary health services. Petitioned article. The Selectmen recommend this article.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,136 as the town's contribution to the White Mountain Mental Health and Common Ground, programs of Northern Human Services, serving the mental health and developmental service needs of Dalton residents. Petitioned article. The Selectmen recommend this article.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $695 to pay Dalton's share of the operating budget of the Mount Washington Regional Airport, of which Dalton is a member community along with Bethlehem, Littleton, Lancaster, Whitefield, Jefferson, Sugar Hill, Twin Mountain, No. Woodstock and Franconia. Petitioned article. The Selectmen recommend this article.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $575.00 (five hundred and seventy-five dollars) to support the social and volunteer services of Hospice of the Littleton Area, a non-profit organization which offers supportive care and bereavement services to terminally ill patients and their families in the town of Dalton. Petitioned article. The Selectmen recommend this article.

21. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dean Sweeney
Brian Hardy
Victor St.Cyr

FINANCIALS

Operating Budget	Appropriated 2005	Actual 2005	Proposed 2006
Executive			
Board of Selectmen		4,500.00	
Printing & Public Notices		1,145.00	
Miscellaneous		678.00	
Total Executive	**7,200.00**	**6,323.00**	**7,200.00**
Other General Government			
Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord, Senior Meals	500.00	500.00	500.00
North Country Council	862.00	862.07	0.00
Total Other General Government	**1,362.00**	**1,362.07**	**500.00**
Property Liability Insurance	**12,500.00**	**12,336.11**	**14,000.00**
Town Clerk			
Town Clerk Salary		1,000.00	
Town Clerk Fees		3,388.00	
Department of Agriculture		713.00	
Office Expenses		823.12	
Deputy Town Clerk		984.50	
Payments to State Vital Records		418.00	
Total Town Clerk	**9,000.00**	**7,326.62**	**9,000.00**
Voter Registration & Election			
Supervisors' Salaries		112.00	
Supplies, Postage & Notices		88.19	
Election Workers		206.50	
Election Miscellaneous		259.00	
Total Voter Registration & Election	**1,000.00**	**665.69**	**3,000.00**
Financial Administration			
Salary & Fees		35,889.60	
Auditor		5,500.00	
Assessor		10,200.00	
Registry Fees		372.81	

Maintenance, Supplies & Dues		5,109.55	
Postage		1,807.80	
Mapping		1,676.00	
RSA's		465.50	
Total Financial Administration	**65,000.00**	**61,021.26**	**65,000.00**
Legal Expenses			
Dannis		47,913.49	
Dalton Hydro		8,924.32	
Harbinger		381.45	
Shepard		1,284.98	
Zucker		10,388.60	
Total Legal Expenses	**40,000.00**	**68,892.84**	**50,000.00**
Personnel Administration			
Social Security	12,500.00	12,542.01	13,900.00
State Unemployment Tax	1,500.00	900.74	1,500.00
Workers Compensation Fund	8,936.00	8,935.85	14,895.00
Health Insurance Fund	50,000.00	42,494.54	67,600.00
Medicare	3,500.00	2,933.24	3,350.00
Total Personnel Administration	**76,436.00**	**67,806.38**	**101,245.00**
Planning & Zoning			
Hearings		289.50	
Postage		245.66	
Secretary Salary		500.00	
Miscellaneous		351.69	
Total Planning & Zoning	**1,500.00**	**1,386.85**	**3,300.00**
General Government Buildings			
Utilities		7,648.70	
Custodian		1,728.00	
Maintenance & Repairs		498.94	
Total General Government Buildings	**11,000.00**	**9,875.64**	**16,000.00**

	Appropriated 2005	Actual 2005	Proposed 2006
Police Department			
Chief's Salary		12,500.00	
Specials Pay		4,019.38	
Gasoline		1,873.74	
Telephone		1,349.90	
Dues & Conventions		780.74	
Equipment Maintenance		361.99	
Reference Material		660.77	
Office Expenses		1,443.26	
Uniforms		355.93	
Vehicle Expense		1,004.99	
Total Police Department	**29,800.00**	**24,350.70**	**28,500.00**
Fire Department			
Building Maintenance		202.57	
Maintenance, Refills & Repairs		3,720.99	
Utilities		4,381.99	
New Equipment		3,160.66	
Chief's Salary		500.00	
Salaries		4,155.00	
Secretary		200.00	
Dues		350.00	
Gas & Diesel		896.95	
Supplies		101.00	
Total Fire Department	**24,400.00**	**17,669.16**	**25,000.00**
Forest Fire Control	**500.00**	**874.61**	**1,000.00**
Emergency Management	**750.00**	**114.13**	**750.00**
Ambulances	**5,380.00**	**5,380.00**	**5,380.00**
Cemeteries	**4,000.00**	**3,033.00**	**4,000.00**

Highway			
Highway Salaries		122,415.41	
Building Maintenance & Repairs		5,267.98	
Uniforms		900.00	
Utilities		1,838.77	
Office & Shop Supplies		4,168.88	
Equipment		15,666.85	
911 Signs		53.93	
Dues		100.00	
Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs		13,506.58	
Maintenance & Supplies		6,034.02	
Asphalt, Gravel, Dust Control		17,431.29	
Gas/Diesel		24,162.77	
Snow & Ice Control		13,706.52	
Total Highway	**220,000.00**	**225,253.00**	**223,000.00**
Street Lighting	**1,000.00**	**896.67**	**1,000.00**
Solid Waste			
Disposal Fees		18,075.67	
Supplies		194.77	
Utilities		978.58	
Maintenance & Repairs		255.82	
Training		50.00	
Well Testing		2,322.78	
Salaries		11,660.00	
Total Solid Waste	**35,500.00**	**33,537.62**	**42,500.00**
Sewage Disposal			
Superintendent Salary		1,947.50	
Payments to Lunenburg		7,360.00	
Utilities		1,866.47	
Maintenance & Repairs		350.42	
Total Sewage Disposal	**12,000.00**	**11,524.39**	**12,000.00**

	Appropriated 2005	Actual 2005	Proposed 2006
Health Administration	**750.00**	**490.00**	**750.00**
Health Agencies	**4,227.00**	**4,227.00**	**4,607.00**
Animal Control	**500.00**	**400.00**	**500.00**
Welfare			
Direct Assistance	2,000.00	2,179.24	3,000.00
Community Action Program	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Welfare	**3,000.00**	**3,179.24**	**4,000.00**
Library	**11,040.00**	**11,040.00**	**11,040.00**
Parks & Recreation	**500.00**	**148.50**	**500.00**
Patriotic Purposes	**200.00**	**5.11**	**200.00**
Conservation Commission	**1,200.00**	**1,200.00**	**1,200.00**
Principal – Long Term Debt	**10,104.00**	**10,113.52**	**17,028.00**
Interest – Long Term Debt	**1,402.00**	**1,391.25**	**3,610.00**
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	**5,000.00**		**5,000.00**
Capital Outlay	**1,000.00**		**1,000.00**
Total Operating Budget	**597,251.00**	**591,824.36**	**661,810.00**

Warrant Articles:			
Transfers from General Fund to Capital Reserve Accounts (2005 Warrant Articles 3, 4, 5 & 6)	48,500.00	48,500.00	48,500.00
Pay Per Bag Fund – 2005 Warrant Article 10	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Cross Road – 2005 Warrant Article 7	2,500.00		2,500.00
Town Hall Repairs – 2005 Warrant Article 9	3,500.00	2,071.84	
Payments to Outside Agencies (2005 Warrant Articles 11, 12, & 16)	3,331.00	3,331.00	3,481.00
Dalton Hydro – 2005 Warrant Article 19	3,000.00	2,338.70	
Paving Capital Reserve – 2006 Warrant Article 10			25,000.00
Senior Meal Program – 2006 Warrant Article 11			215.00
Master Plan – 2006 Warrant Article 14			1,500.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health – 2006 Warrant Article 17			750.00
Hospice of Littleton – 2006 Warrant Article 20			575.00
Total Warrant Articles:	**61,831.00**	**57,241.54**	**83,521.00**
Other Payments			
Master Plan (2003 Warrant Article)		1,447.00	
Cemeteries (2004 Warrant Article)		2,084.50	
Conservation Commission (50% of Current Use Revenue) (2005 Warrant Article 18)		14,701.21	
Refunds of Overpayments		142.32	
Total Other Payments		**18,375.03**	
Grand Total	**659,082.00**	**667,440.93**	**745,331.00**
Taxes Paid to County		242,093.00	
Taxes Paid to School		874,572.00	
Tax Lien		138,111.08	
2005 Payments – Order of Selectmen		**1,922,217.01**	

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

In 2005 we accomplished repairing the front porch to the Town Hall to met State regulations regarding handicap accessibility. The new porch will allow easier access to the building. The downstairs bathroom is being completely redone. New walls, flooring, heat, ceiling and cabinets have been installed making a safer and more presentable public bathroom.

The road crew and Dean Sweeney worked on the old section of the Cushman Cemetery for over a week this year. Over 100 yards of fill were brought in and 80 yards of loam. Most of the headstones were reset during this project. There is still some additional work that needs to be done in 2006. The Board is fortunate to have the road crew help with all these projects.

The legal budget proved to be insufficient and we had to move monies from other departments to offset the differences. We took $7,000 from the Fire Department and $5,000 from the Police Department. Smaller sums were taken from many other departments. This is the first time the Board has had to do this and we apologize to all the affected departments. The Cross Rd was our most expensive item in the legal budget. Dean Sweeney and Victor St.Cyr made an agreement with Mr & Mrs Dannis through advice of the Town's attorney to avoid additional court costs. This agreement saved the town approximately $30,000 and no further appeals can be allowed.

This past year we lost Allan Bean. We guess none us realize all the things a person does until after they are gone. He will be greatly missed.

Linda Cloutier presented the town with an extensive genealogy report for the Town of Dalton. Linda put several years of work into this research and we thank her for all her efforts.

The Board would like to thank all their dedicated employees, department heads and volunteers. Without them we would be lost.

Board of Selectmen
Dean Sweeney, Chairman
Brian Hardy
Victor St.Cyr

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 1:30 Whist Party 7:00 Fire Dept Business Meeting*	4 7:00 Planning Board	5 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	6	7 9:00 Ladies Aid
8	9 6:00 Selectmen	10	11 7:30 Grange	12	13	14 7:00 Dalton Ridge Runners
15	16 6:00 Selectmen	17 1:30 Whist Party 7:00 Fire Dept Training *	18	19 6:30 Conservation Commission	20	21
22	23 6:00 Selectmen	24 7:00 Supervisors of the Check List	25 7:00 Master Plan Public Hearing	26	27	28 11:00 Supervisors of the Check List
29	30 6:00 Selectmen 7:00 Budget Hearing	31 1:30 Whist Party				* Meets at the Fire Station

2006

ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS

Land Use Change Tax	$ 12,600.00
Timber Yield Taxes	10,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	35,000.00
Other Taxes	8,750.00
Inventory Penalties	5,000.00
Excavation Tax	2,500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	135,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000.00
Capital Reserve & Special Revenue Funds	4,000.00
Shared Revenue	7,638.00
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	35,521.00
Highway Block Grant	77,364.00
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	624.00
Railroad Tax	603.00
Income from Departments	1,000.00
Other Charges	21,000.00
Sale of Municipal Property	4,500.00
Interest on Investments	4,500.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	3,000.00
Special Revenue Funds	1,000.00
Trust and Agency Funds	175.00
Total Revenues and Credits	**$ 372,775.00**
Net Town Appropriations	**$ 351,718.00**

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations	$ 665,082.00
Less Revenues	(372,775.00)
Less Shared Revenues	(7,179.00)
Add: Overlay	24,990.00
War Service Credits	41,600.00
Approved Town Effort	**$ 351,718.00**
Due to Regional School District	$ 1,398,927.00
Less Adequate Education Grant	(627,537.00)
State Education Taxes	(159,948.00)
Approved School Effort	**$ 611,442.00**
State Education Taxes	**$ 159,948.00**
Due to County	$ 242,093.00
Less Shared Revenue	(1,412.00)
Approved County Effort	**$ 240,681.00**
Total Property Taxes Assessed	$ 1,363,789.00
Less War Service Credits	(41,600.00)
Total Property Tax Commitment	**$ 1,322,189.00**

Approved Tax Rate

$25.27

Town - $6.47 Local School - $ 11.24 State School - $3.13

County - $4.43

February

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
			1 7:00 Planning Board	**2** 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	**3**	**4** 9:00 Ladies Aid 10:00 Library Reading Program
5	**6** 6:00 Selectmen 6:00 Budget Hearing	**7** 7:00 Fire Dept – Business Meeting *	**8** 7:30 Grange	**9**	**10**	**11** 10:00 Library Reading Program 7:00 Dalton Ridge Runners
12	**13** 6:00 Selectmen	**14**	**15**	**16** 6:30 Conservation Commission	**17**	**18** 10:00 Library Reading Program
19	**20**	**21** 7:00 Fire Dept – Training *	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25** 10:00 Library Reading Program
26	**27** 6:00 Selectmen	**28**				* Meets at the Fire Station

2006

REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Highway Block Grant	$ 77,364.41
Revenue Sharing	16,229.00
Railroad Tax	603.11
Rooms & Meals	35,521.35
Forest Fire Reimbursement	102.50
Forest Lands	624.36
TOTAL	**$ 130,444.73**

REVENUE FROM SELECTMEN

Transfer from Cemetery Acct. to General Fund	$ 572.34
Donations	50.00
Sale of Town Property	2,550.00
Income from Departments	1,800.97
Copy Money	413.25
Refuse Charges	6,103.74
Sale of Garbage Bags	17,255.00
Dividends & Reimbursements	2,298.23
Miscellaneous Revenue	565.00
Total	**31,608.53**
Grand Total	**$ 162,053.26**

SELECTMEN'S REPORT SUMMARY INVENTORY

Current Use Land	$ 1,080,778.00
Residential Land	16,092,100.00
Commercial/Industrial Land	677,000.00
Residential Buildings	28,285,600.00
Manufactured Housing	4,317,500.00
Commercial/Industrial Buildings	797,600.00
Public Utilities	3,340,695.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	**$ 54,591,273.00**
Less Elderly Exemptions	208,800.00
Net Valuation	**$ 54,382,473.00**

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall Land, Building and Contents	$ 190,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	60,000.00
Police Department Equipment	50,000.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	125,000.00
Fire Station Building and Contents	175,000.00
Fire Department Vehicles	175,000.00
Town Highway Garage and Contents	198,900.00
Highway Department Vehicles	450,000.00
Transfer Station, Equipment and Contents	45,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds	18,000.00
Pump Station and Contents	134,000.00
Total Town Property	**$ 1,620,900.00**

March

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
			1 7:00 Planning Board	**2** 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	**3**	**4** 9:00 Ladies Aid 11:00 Supervisors of the Check List
5	**6** 6:00 Selectmen	**7** 7:00 Fire Dept – Business Meeting *	**8** 7:30 Grange	**9**	**10**	**11** 7:00 Dalton Ridge Runners
12	**13** 6:00 Selectmen	**14** **Town Meeting** 8am – 7pm Voting 7pm Town Meeting**	**15**	**16** 6:00 Grange 6:30 Conservation Commission	**17**	**18**
19	**20** 6:00 Selectmen	**21** 7:00 Fire Dept – Training *	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**
26	**27** 6:00 Selectmen	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**	* Meets at the Fire Station ** Meets at the Dalton School

2006

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

CAPITAL RESERVES

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT	
Balance as of 01/01/2005	18,901.20
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	20,000.00
Sale of Support Unit	1,111.11
Interest on Investments	447.29
Funds Withdrawn by 2005 Warrant Article:	
Purchase and maint of Support Unit	3,409.11
12/31/2005 Balance	37,050.49
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HEAVY EQUIPMENT	
Balance as of 01/01/2005	17,391.47
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	25,000.00
Interest on Investments	491.67
Funds Withdrawn:	
2005 Warrant Article 7	1,880.70
12/31/2005 Balance	41,002.44
SEWER PUMP RENOVATION & REPLACEMENT	
Balance as of 01/01/2005	3,883.63
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	1,000.00
Interest on Investments	75.64
Funds Withdrawn: None	
12/31/2005 Balance	4,959.27
POLICE CRUISER	
Balance as of 01/01/2005	4,757.56
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	2,500.00
Interest on Investments	102.75
Funds Withdrawn: None	
12/31/2005 Balance	7,360.31

GENERAL FUND TRUSTS

TRANSFER STATION REPAIR, REPLACEMENT & EQUIP	
Balance as of 01/01/2005	33,337.35
Funds Deposited:	
Interest on Investments	581.36
Funds Withdrawn: None	
12/31/2005 Balance	33,918.71
PAY PER BAG REPLACEMENT FUND	
Balance as of 01/01/2005	8,757.33
Funds Deposited:	
Warrant Article	1,000.00
Interest on Investments	154.39
Funds Withdrawn: None	
12/31/2005 Balance	9,911.72
CEMETARY CARE AND MAINTENANCE FUND	
Balance as of 01/01/2005	262.50
Funds Deposited:	
Interest on Investments	7.39
Funds Withdrawn:	
Income to offset the care of cemetery	7.39
12/31/2005 Balance	262.50

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	
Balance as of 01/01/2005	20,066.40
Funds Deposited:	
Interest on Investments	564.95
Funds Withdrawn:	
Income to offset the care of cemetery	564.95
12/31/2005 Balance	20,066.40

Respectfully Submitted,
Tammy York-Letson, Bookkeeper, Trustee of Trust Funds

April

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
						1 9:00 Ladies Aid
2	**3** 6:00 Selectmen	**4** 7:00 Fire Dept – Business Meeting *	**5** 7:00 Planning Board	**6** 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	**7**	**8**
9	**10** 6:00 Selectmen	**11**	**12** 7:30 Grange	**13**	**14**	**15**
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30				* Meets at the Fire Station		

2006

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	2005	2004
UNCOLLECTED BEG BAL		
Property		227,982.47
Land Use Change		3,020.00
Yield		1,017.97
Excavation		326.20
Sewer		2,125.00
Penalties		3,100.00
TAXES COMMITTED		
Property	1,324,304.00	
Land Use Change	53,887.30	
Yield	7,093.41	
Excavation	2,555.06	
Sewer	8,840.00	
Penalties	1,671.00	
OVERPAYMENTS	305.69	17.79
Interest-Late Tax	2,507.54	16,637.95
TOTAL DEBITS	$ 1,401,164.00	$ 254,227.38
REMITTED TO TREASURER:		
Property	1,155,733.39	103,751.75
Land Use Change	26,382.41	3,020.00
Yield	6,976.63	1,017.97
Interest	2,507.54	16,637.95
Penalties	1,089.00	1,700.00
Excavation	2,187.20	
Sewer	6,800.00	935.00
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		127,164.71
Abatements	13,741.00	
UNCOLLECTED		
Property	168,519.30	
Land Use Change	14,118.89	
Yield	116.78	
Excavation	367.86	
Sewer	2,040.00	
Penalties	584.00	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 1,401,164.00	$ 254,227.38

SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS REDEEMED

	2004	Prior
DEBITS		
Balance of Unredeemed taxes As of Jan. 1, 2005		$ 109,668.26
Liens Executed During Year	$ 138,111.08	
Interest Collected After Lien	1,603.12	13,348.20
TOTAL DEBITS	$ 139,714.20	$ 123,016.46
CREDITS		
Remittances to Treasurer	$ 19,391.47	$ 92,176.23
Interest & Costs After Lien	1,603.12	13,348.20
Abatements		105.44
Liens Deeded to Town		
Unredeemed at Close of Year	118,719.61	17,386.59
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 139,714.20	$ 123,016.46

May

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
	1 6:00 Selectmen	**2** 7:00 Fire Dept – Business Meeting *	**3** 7:00 Planning Board	**4** 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	**5**	**6** 9:00 Ladies Aid
7	**8** 6:00 Selectmen	**9**	**10** 7:30 Grange	**11**	**12**	**13**
14	**15** 6:00 Selectmen	**16** 7:00 Fire Dept – Training *	**17**	**18** 6:30 Conservation Commission	**19** 4pm – 8pm Rummage Sale	**20** 10am - 3pm Rummage & Bake Sale
21	**22** 6:00 Selectmen	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**
28	**29**	**30**	**31**			* Meets at the Fire Station

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TREASURER'S REPORT

General Checking Account

Balance 01/01/2005	$ 11,455.73
2005 Receipts	
Tax Collector	$ 1,582,422.57
Town Clerk	142,523.00
Selectmen	162,053.26
Total Receipts	$ 1,886,998.83
Transfers	13,400.00
Bank Interest Earned	65.30
Adjustments	(232.00)
2005 Payments - Order of Selectmen	(1,922,217.01)
Balance Checking Account 12/31/2005	$ (10,529.15) *

*negative balance due to Jan. '06 transfer

Trust Account

Balance 01/01/2005	$354,282.61
Transfers	(13,400.00)
Bank Interest Earned	7,951.70
Balance Laconia Trust Account 12/31/2005	$348,834.31

Dalton Conservation Commission Account

Balance 1/1/2005	$ 810.35
Deposits	4,120.00
Transfers	(820.00)
Payments	(3,701.00)
Interest Earned	.72
Balance 12/31/005	$ 410.07

Dalton Conservation Commission Trust Account

Balance 1/1/2005	$ 7,338.45
Transfers	820.00
Interest Earned	196.16
Balance 12/31/2005	$ 8,354.61

Sharon Tupper, Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	
2005 Permits Issued	$139,495.00
Dog Licenses and Penalties Collected:	
Licenses	$ 2,011.00
Penalties	500.00
Filing Fees	2.00
Vital Statistics	515.00
TOTAL DEBITS	$142,523.00

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Motor Vehicle Permits	$139,495.00
Dog Licenses	2,011.00
Dog Penalties	500.00
Filing Fees	2.00
Vital Statistics	515.00
TOTAL CREDITS	$142,523.00
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued in 2005	1,460

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra York, Town Clerk

June

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
				1 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	**2**	**3** 9:00 Ladies Aid
4	**5** 6:00 Selectmen	**6** 7:00 Supervisors of the Check List 7:00 Fire Dept – Business Meeting *	**7** 7:00 Planning Board	**8**	**9**	**10**
11	**12** 6:00 Selectmen	**13**	**14** 7:30 Grange	**15** 6:30 Conservation Commission	**16**	**17**
18	**19** 6:00 Selectmen	**20** 7:00 Fire Dept – Training *	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**
25	**26** 6:00 Selectmen	**27**	**28** 1:00 Library Reading Program	**29**	**30**	* Meets at the Fire Station

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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH
Jun 05	Josiah Benjamin	Wiers, Stanley	Wiers, Sheri	Littleton, NH
Aug 31	Emmalee Anne	Williams, David	Williams, Susan	Lancaster, NH
Sep 15	Benjamin Lee	Recor, Daniel	Recor, Lora	Lancaster, NH

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH

DATE	NAME OF GROOM	RESIDENCE	NAME OF BRIDE	RESIDENCE
Jan 01	Halloran, Brian	Dalton, NH	Leporati, Ruth	Dalton, NH
Jan 08	Lally, Thomas	Whitefield, NH	Brasca, Rosanna	Dalton, NH
Mar 20	Wood, David	Dalton, NH	Tupaj, Teresa	Dalton, NH
Apr 16	Lambert, Wayne	Dalton, NH	Hanlan, Rebecca	Dalton, NH
Jun 19	Josselyn, Ronald	Dalton, NH	Piccolella, Ivana	Toms River, NJ
Jun 23	Ladouceur, Conrad		Warren, Mary	Dalton, NH
Jul 04	Wright, Glenn	Dalton, NH	Bash, Patricia	Meriden, NH
Jul 09	Hucksoll, Brett	Dalton, NH	Archey, Heather	Dalton, NH
Jul 09	Wright, Daniel	Dalton, NH	Locke, Heidi	Dalton, NH
Aug 20	Perry, Thomas	Dalton, NH	Daine, Tamra	Littleton, NH
Sep 03	Egli, Seth	Dalton, NH	Tardiff, Danielle	Dalton, NH
Sep 13	Leno, John	Dalton, NH	Ardine, Katherine	Dalton, NH
Oct 08	Brunelle, Cregg	Dalton, NH	Chevalier, Charlene	Benton, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, NH

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER (MAIDEN)
Feb 10	Santos, Judith	Dalton, NH	Sarvia, John	Cazale, Almorinda
Mar 02	Clarke, Elinor	Dalton, NH	Silsby, Irving	Moses, Pearl
Apr 01	Fenmore, James	Lebanon, NH	Fenmore, James	Smith, Hazel
Jun 14	Cady, Mary	Lebanon, NH	Ingersol, Robert	Severy, Vera
Jul 06	Bean, Allan	Lancaster, NH	Bean, Howard	Smith, Shirley
Aug 07	Winget, Charles	Dalton, NH	Winget, Charles	Howe, Ellen
Sep 20	Matthew, Emily	Lancaster, NH	Landry, Joseph	Pelotte, Rose
Dec 25	Marshall, Jean	Lancaster, NH	Barrows, Carl	Unknown, Agnes

July

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
						1
2	**3**	**4** 7:00 Fire Dept – Business Meeting *	**5** 1:00 Library Reading 7:00 Planning Board	**6**	**7**	**8**
9	**10** 6:00 Selectmen	**11**	**12** 1:00 Library Reading	**13**	**14**	**15**
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

"The Little Town That Could And Did"

The Conservation Commission completed its study of Dalton's Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) in 2005. The state mandated NRI was conducted by the Bethlehem consulting firm of *Watershed to Wildlife* for the fee of $6500.00. These monies came from the Commission's portion of the Current Use Land Change Tax. The purpose of the NRI is to perform as a tool in assisting Townspeople and Town Government in making informed land use and planning decisions for our Town's future. The process began in 2004 and involved field research and data collection of critical natural and unique resources within the Town of Dalton. The study was completed in 2005 with the results being published in a written report including maps, wall maps and digital data installed in the public computer located in the Town Library. Two training sessions were held to equip members of the Commission, Town Planning Board and Selectmen with the skills to use the digital data with the mapping software program Arcview 3.3 which is also installed on the library computer. The written report and maps can be viewed in the Town library or are available from the Commission upon request.

Along with assisting Townspeople with filing State DES wetland permits for culverts, pond building, and forestry purposes, the Commission expanded the number of conservation reference and informational publications available in the library to well over 50 publications. A highlight for the Commission was an invitation to do a presentation at the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting held on November 5th in Concord. The request was for a presentation on the Chase Bog Study completed by the Commission in 2004 to be offered as one of the meeting's 45 minute workshops. Former commission Chairman Dick Rush and *Watershed to Wildlife*'s John Severance and Elise Lawson gave the presentation. Folks who attended the workshop dubbed it "The little town that could and did" and found it so inspiring that it has been requested as the keynote presentation for all attendees of the State conference in 2006.

In 2006, the Commission will begin work on preparing a Conservation Plan which will consist of public input for conservation goals, landscape considerations such as watersheds, biological needs of our wildlife, and guidance for municipal and private land conservation planning. The Commission will also hold public informational meetings on subjects such as monitoring water quality, wetlands permitting, vernal pools, inventorying wildlife habitat and land conservation options for landowners.

Present Commission members are Helen Delage, Eric Pospesil, Rebecca McVetty, Michael Crosby (Acting Chairman), and Nancy Comeau (Alternate). The commission can consist of as many as five members with two alternate members. Anyone interested in the process of becoming a member can contact the Commission through the Town Office.

The Commission is scheduled to meet at 6:30pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month in 2006 and welcomes the public to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Crosby, Chairman

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2006

Advertising	$ 150.00
Dues:	225.00
Northeast Resources Recovery Association	
NH Association of Conservation Commissions	
Printing of reports and studies	200.00
Framing and public display of maps	
Purchase of Publications, digital data and maps	
Registration fees & mileage for training workshops	225.00
Miscellaneous	350.00
Postage & Supplies	50.00
	$ 1,200.00

August

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
		1 7:00 Fire Dept – Business Meeting *	**2** 1:00 Library Reading Program 7:00 Planning Board	**3** 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	**4**	**5** 9:00 Ladies Aid
6	**7** 6:00 Selectmen	**8**	**9** 7:30 Grange	**10**	**11**	**12**
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REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forest & Lands at (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a 5-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years. Despite the dry conditions, the state's largest wildland fire was contained at 29 acres. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 10 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2005 FIRE STATISTICS

Causes Of Fires	
Arson	2
Campfire	34
Children	29
Smoking	40
Debris	284
Railroad	1
Equipment	7
Lightning	5
Misc.*	111 *

Year	Total Fires	Total Acres
2005	513	174
2004	482	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

This year was an average year. Numerous things transpired throughout the year. One of the more exciting things was completing the new support unit and putting it into service in August. It has made several runs since and it worked out extremely well. It has also given Dalton a position in the fire service of which other towns throughout the state look up to us.

One of the more tragic things that happened this year was the loss of fire fighter Allan Bean. He was with the Department for 36 plus years and died suddenly this summer. He will be missed by all.

This year the Fire Dept. responded to 28 calls. There were 8 mutual aid, 8 car accidents, 5 alarm activations, 2 minor structure fires, 1 forest fire, 2 false alarms, 1 lawn mower fire, and 1 for downed wires.

As always we are looking for volunteers to work in the fire service. We have a wonderful group of dedicated people who give up their time in the interest of saving property and lives in our small community. We hope that everyone will be safe in the New Year of 2006 but we will always be there to respond if necessary.

Charles J. Packard
Dalton Fire Chief

September

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
* Meets at the Fire Station					1	2 9:00 Ladies Aid
3	4	5 7:00 Supervisors of Check List 7:00 Fire Dept – Business Meeting *	6 7:00 Planning Board	7 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	8	9
10	11 6:00 Selectmen	12 **State Primary** 8am – 7pm Voting	13 7:30 Grange	14	15	16
17	18 6:00 Selectmen	19 7:00 Fire Dept – Training *	20	21 6:30 Conservation Commission	22	23
24	25 6:00 Selectmen	26	27	28	29	30

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Our goal of having a safe and productive year in 2005, thankfully, was met.

We have added 11,000 yards of crushed gravel to our gravel roads. The gravel came from the pit on the Wells Road. We have 5,000 yards of rock from that pit yet to be crushed, and plan to do so in 2006.

The crew has been working on drainage and ditching, and will continue to do so in 2006. There will also be a focus on patching and shimming some of the worst of our pavement problems.

There is a warrant article for the town to vote on at town meeting for a new and much needed truck to replace our tired 1989 International truck. Thank you for the calls to report hazards on the roads. It is always a great help to receive them. The number to call is 837-9821.

We look forward to another year of serving the wonderful community of Dalton.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert C. Wentworth Jr., Road Agent

REPORT FOR THE TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING

All Dalton residents should have "Dump Stickers" affixed to their windshields. No sticker? No admittance to the Transfer Station! Stickers are available at the Town Office and the Transfer Station. (Bring your vehicle's registration with you)

Recycled: NOT hauled to the landfill: (full Gaylord bins)

	2005	2004
Newspaper	32	32
Mixed Paper	62	61
Glossy Magazines	10	12
#1 Plastic	55	61
#2 Plastic	44	51
Milk Jugs	55	63
Corrugated Cardboard	72	6.7 Tons

2005 the tonnage taken to Bethlehem was 141.04 from the dumpster and 34.73 tons in construction debris.

Income from Blue bags for 2005	$17,255.00
Income from Construction debris for 2005	$3,942.50
Income from Aluminum cans for 2005	$2,134.24

October

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
1	**2** 6:00 Selectmen	**3** 7:00 Fire Dept – Business Meeting *	**4** 7:00 Planning Board	**5** 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	**6**	**7** 9:00 Ladies Aid
8	**9**	**10**	**11** 7:30 Grange	**12**	**13**	**14**
15	**16** 6:00 Selectmen	**17** 7:00 Fire Dept – Training *	**18**	**19** 6:30 Conservation Commission	**20**	**21**
22	**23** 6:00 Selectmen	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28** 11:00 Supervisors of the Check List
29	**30** 6:00 Selectmen	**31**				* Meets at the Fire Station

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LIBRARIAN REPORT

CIRCULATION:	
Adult Materials	983
Children's Materials	738
Magazines, Videos, etc.	102
TOTAL CIRCULATION:	1,823
New Borrowers	17
Regular Hours Open	480
Volunteer Hours-Open	235
ACCESSIONS:	
Adult materials	84
Children's materials	111
Reference materials	23
Video / Audio	15
Periodicals	7
TOTAL ACCESSIONS:	240

The winter reading program **WARM UP WITH A GOOD BOOK** was held during February. Children enjoyed stories, crafts and learning about winter animals. Saturdays were for stories and crafts and every other Wednesday was for the Home Schoolers, and kindergarten children. Kathy decorated the library with snowmen and snowflakes.

The summer reading program for 2005 was entitled **CAMP WANNAREAD**. This year children received a backpack purchased through the State Library Program to carry their books in. TALES TOLD TALL storyteller, Mike Sullivan, from Greenland NH came to the library in August and told stories. We cooked hotdogs outside and ate inside as it was a rainy day. Many thanks to the volunteers that helped with the program this year.

Craft Days were scheduled for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Emergency light in the library was not working. Total repairs and expenses will need to come from our budget for this. John Tholl has agreed to install the light for us at no charge and the Friends Group will pay for the equipment.

We now have a revolving selection of Large Print books delivered every 2 months from the Handicapped Division of the State.

The annual Mud Run was held in April with the help of many volunteers from the Friends of the Library. Proceeds from the race helped to purchase materials for the library. The 2006 Mud Run will not be held this year due to lack of volunteers. Plans are underway to hold the 2007 race in April providing there are enough volunteers.

Our annual book sale was help in August with many leftover books to find a home for. They are currently being stored at the old Grange Hall building. We will be holding a book sale in April and again in August of 2006.

The Library participated in the Annual Silver Tea and sold magnets, ornaments, and candles. We worked with the Ladies Aid again this year on the Annual Memory Tree program. Half the money raised after expenses was given to the Friends Group to benefit the library.

I attended the New Hampshire Library Association (NHLA) & NH Library Trustees Association (NHLTA) conferences; and several state and local library related meetings throughout the year. As incoming president of the NHLA, I will be attending the Public Library Association Conference in Boston this March.

The activities and happenings here are accomplished with the help of the many volunteers that provide time, assistance and money. We thank all who have been so generous with their donations, and gifts to the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Mitton, Librarian

Trustees
JEAN ABBOTT
MARGARET MICHAUD
JUDITH PICARD

November

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
			1 7:00 Planning Board	**2** 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	**3**	**4** 7:00 Ladies Aid
5	**6** 6:00 Selectmen	**7** **State Election** 8am – 7pm Voting 7:00 Fire Bus Mtg *	**8** 7:30 Grange	**9**	**10**	**11** 10am – 3pm Silver Tea
12	**13** 6:00 Selectmen	**14**	**15**	**16** 6:30 Conservation Commission	**17**	**18**
19	**20** 6:00 Selectmen	**21** 7:00 Fire Dept – Training *	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**
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DALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance - Jan 1, 2005			
Children's P&S fund CD		$ 10,000.00	
Savings acct.-reference fund		515.86	
Checking account		3,958.52	
Undeposited funds		192.00	$ 14,666.38
Receipts:			
Town of Dalton-appropriation		$11,040.00	
Fees & Fines		38.85	
Donations		35.60	
Book Sale		148.00	
Silver Tea receipts		36.20	
Interest on savings account		1.31	
Interest on Ch P&S fund CD		291.77	$ 11,591.73
Expenditures:			
Salary		$ 6,864.00	
Administrative expense		840.04	
Conference & education		300.00	
Association dues		105.00	
Telephone expense		1,272.97	
Internet access		220.00	
Software maintenance renewal		399.00	
Supplies		264.82	
Programs		138.35	
Books and materials			
Books	$443.60		
Reference	$269.00		
Periodicals	$ 34.95	747.55	$ 11,152.33
Ending balance - Dec. 31, 2005			$ 15,106.38
Children's P&S fund CD		$ 10,000.00	
Savings account		517.17	
Checking account		4,553.01	
Undeposited funds		36.20	
		$ 15,106.38	

Jean Abbott, Treasurer

THE MERCIER GROUP
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Dalton, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards that are generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Dalton, as of December 31, 2005, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its private-purpose trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principals.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as whole.

December

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
					1	**2** 11:00 Ladies Aid
3 3pm – 5pm Memory Tree	**4** 6:00 Selectmen	**5** 7:00 Fire Dept – Business Meeting *	**6** 7:00 Planning Board	**7** 7:00 Dalton Historical Society	**8**	**9**
10	**11** 6:00 Selectmen	**12**	**13** 7:30 Grange	**14**	**15**	**16**
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POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT
Including Emergency Management

2005 was a good year for the Dalton Police Department. While overall responses were slightly lower, criminal offenses were down again.

Simple Assault	2	Harassment	2
Burglary	1	Theft	6
Criminal Mischief	1	Sexual Assault	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	DWI	4
Criminal Trespass	1	Other Offenses	2
Illegal Dumping	1	Dogs a Menace	1
Chins Petitions	2	Field Interviews *	20
Traffic, Courts/Warnings	40	Accidents	14

* Non Criminal requests for service

Incidents were down again 24/27, a decrease of 12%. Accidents were up 27%. There were 5 full custody arrests in 2005 In September a reported theft from a job site resulted in the loss, and subsequent recovery, of over $2,500 in tools and the indictment of two area men.

The department also received a grant to equip the cruiser with the CAR 54 Project. This project integrates all of the functions of the radio, emergency equipment, radar and GPS. All of the functions are now voice operated with manual backup. The grant provided the department with equipment valued at more than $10,000 at no cost to the Town. Dalton was the first town above the notch to obtain this technology.

As always IF YOU NEED EMERGENCY HELP CALL 911. For non-emergency reasons you can call 837-2703 or dispatch 846-3333 (Troop F). Please don't hesitate to call the Dalton Police Department for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Tholl Jr., Chief of Police

PLANNING BOARD

In 2005 the Planning Board had eight subdivisions hearings, two lot line adjustments, and one merger. Only one of these was denied. We were also involved in a regional impact case with the Town of Lancaster. They were presented with a subdivision in Lancaster where the only access to this subdivision was via Dalton. This was a learning procedure for both boards.

The Board was able to maintain all of its board members this year. We are still looking to fill two alternate positions. If you are interested, please contact the Town Offices or any member of the Planning Board. The Planning Board meets the first Wednesday night of each month at 7pm in the Town Hall. The public is always welcome to attend.

Once again this year the Board took advantage of workshops and lectures offered by the State of NH. Many of the members attended these sessions. Not only do the members learn from the presenters, we also form relationships with boards from surrounding towns.

The Planning Board and a few additional citizens worked on the Master Plan this year. We will have a draft available at Town Meeting night. This draft will be in both printed format as well as on a CD. If supplies run out at Town Meeting, additional copies will be made and left at the Town Hall. A lot of effort has been put into this Master Plan. We tried to keep as close to the comments of the Citizens Survey as possible.

Please pick up a copy of the plan. The more comments and suggestions we receive the closer to the true opinion of the residents of Dalton we can come. Please do not delay in obtaining the information. We hope to adopt a final plan in early summer of 2006.

John Letson, Chairman

CALEB INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS

The Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, a not-for-profit organization, which was established in October of 1995, continues to provide services to older adults in 8 northern New Hampshire communities. Caleb's heartfelt mission is to enhance independent living for the elderly, infirm and homebound by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and the fostering of caring communities.

On January 12, 2005, after 4 months of renovations, Caleb officially moved from the Highland House Apartments to its new office in the Astle Building. As Caleb had hoped, it made the organization more visible to the public. With this new visibility Caleb brought on more clients to serve. In 2005, Caleb Caregivers assisted 294 Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain and Whitefield seniors. Caleb's 99 active volunteers donated over 3,963 hours and drove over 36,585 miles to help their older neighbors remain independent! Without these dedicated volunteers, Caleb would not exist. These volunteers give their time, their talents and most of all their hearts. Transportation to medical appointments, and for running errands, is one of the most requested services through Caleb. Caleb Volunteers made 1,460 trips this year. Of these trips 118 were long distance, taking seniors to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Conway, White River Junction, and St. Johnsbury, to name a few. For the first time, in 10 years, Caleb's Transportation funds ran out due to the increase in gas prices, as well as the increase in seniors that needed rides. Seniors that used to drive themselves to appointments found themselves having financial difficulties, in purchasing gas. Caleb made a plea in the local newspapers, and several generous donors came forward. These wonderful people either donated funds to Caleb or gave gas cards to the seniors that needed them! Neighbors helping neighbors, is what Caleb is all about, and it is what North Country residents are all about, too! Caleb was also involved with the implementation of the new Tri-Town bus. Caleb hopes that residents will utilize this wonderful new service to the North Country.

Transportation is only one of the services that Caleb volunteers provide. Caleb volunteers provide other services as well; friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, help with chores, paperwork and light housekeeping are to name a few. Caleb volunteers also assist with various community programs, such as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. This State program is available, every other month, to New Hampshire seniors that are 60+, and that financially qualify. Caleb volunteers help distribute this food to elders, who are totally homebound. Caleb Caregivers is still working in conjunction with Shaw's of Littleton. Shaw's provides the day old bread and Caleb volunteers deliver it to seniors in the various communities. Caleb continues to work with various pet organizations, regarding Caleb's Pet Food Project. Since this project began, in October of 2002, Caleb has given out over 4 tons of FREE pet food/litter to help seniors feed their pets! Last but not least, Caleb still provides training for seniors who want to learn how to use computers. Without the various services that Caleb provides, many older adults who need just a little extra help to continue living independently, might have had to go into a nursing home.

There are no fees for the services that are provided by the Caleb Caregivers. The program is funded through grants, fundraising, donations and generous appropriations of the towns in which the services are provided. We want to thank the residents of Dalton for their support and for making it possible for us to continue to provide these much needed services to the area's elders. The $1,500 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated. This year, Caleb is requesting $1,650 and is asking for your continued support in 2006.

Volunteers are always in great demand, so if you would like to become a volunteer, request a volunteer, or know someone who would benefit from our services, please call the Caleb Office at 837-9179, or contact anyone on the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Gaudes, Executive Director

HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA
ANNUAL REPORT

Hospice of the Littleton Area (HLA) is a non-profit community-based volunteer program offering supportive care to terminally ill individuals and their families wherever they reside – in their homes, assisted living facilities, nursing homes or hospitals. HLA trained volunteers provide emotional support and companionship, help with routine chores and errands, meal preparation, assistance with transportation needs, and respite time for family members. HLA also maintains a free lending library of books, pamphlets and tapes; facilitates a walk-in bereavement support group, and provides bereavement support to family members for one year following the death of a loved one. Additionally, HLA conducts community outreach services through its hospice volunteer training program, special events and meetings with various organizations and schools.

In 2005, Hospice of the Littleton Area (HLA) provided services to a total of 124 patients and family members in its service area, which includes the towns of: Bath, Bethlehem, Carroll (Twin Mountain), Dalton, Easton, Franconia, Haverhill, Landaff, Lincoln, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Monroe, Sugar Hill, Whitefield, Woodstock and Woodsville.

The director, volunteer coordinator and hospice volunteers provided supportive care to 68 individuals and their families coping with the advanced and final stages of illness. Additionally, our bereavement programs supported 56 grieving clients through special mailings, phone contact, one-on-one counseling and bereavement support group meetings at All Saints Parish in Littleton. Overall, HLA staff and volunteers gave over 3000 hours in direct care services.

Hospice of the Littleton Area continues its partnership with two area healthcare providers. HLA provides volunteer and bereavement services to the North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency's Medicare Hospice Program and offers supportive care to patients and family members in the Hospice Room at Littleton Regional Hospital.

To meet the rising need for hospice services, Hospice of the Littleton Area conducted a six-week (18-hour) hospice volunteer training program in Littleton in 2005. Nineteen (19) people completed the training. Since 1983, HLA has trained 323 people and currently has 104 volunteers serving 17 communities in the North Country.

There is *no charge* to patients or families for HLA services. HLA does not receive any federal, state or county funding and is not reimbursed by private insurers. HLA relies primarily upon the generosity and good will of the communities it serves to support its programs. Without financial help from the towns, HLA would not be able to serve the many patients and families it does.

Your much needed support for Hospice of the Littleton Area is greatly appreciated as we continue to provide compassionate care to terminally ill residents and their families.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Neil, Executive Director

LUNENBURG, GILMAN, CONCORD SENIOR COMMUNITY
SERVICE CENTER REPORT

The Senior Center, independently run, is located on Riverside Avenue, in Gilman, Vermont.

Our kitchen served 10,500 meals this year to people 60 years old and their spouses. This includes Homebound deliveries in Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord, and Guildhall. Congregate and Homebound meals are served Tuesdays-Fridays at 12:00 noon.

Homebound meals are delivered by volunteers, with their vehicles. The Area Agency on Aging gives them a mileage reimbursement.

An advocate from the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont, located in St.Johnsbury, is available to help people with food stamps, fuel assistance, Social Security, and Medicaid/Medicare. Volunteers are available to help with Tax Rebates, and Companionship. Information about these programs is available by calling the Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-642-5119.

The Center sponsors many events that are open to the public. The Center is in the process of bringing back a Bingo night, once a week. Notices will be posted when everything is ready.

The fourth Thursday of each month is "Bookmarks" at the Alden Balch Library in Lunenburg. Programs, books and refreshments on special occasions are available through this program.

Also available is the Commodities Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) which is for people 60 years old or older. This is delivered in the parking lot the 2nd Friday of the month. For information please call the Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-642-5119 or the Food Bank for an application at 1-800-241-4648.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (T.E.F.A.P.) Is another service the Senior Center offers through the Vermont Food Bank to income eligible families, regardless of age. Volunteers inventory, bag, and distribute the food approximately the 3rd week of each month. For assistance, either stop by the Senior Center Tues. - Fri. or call 892-6616.

Our famous "Boutique" is open Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am to 1:30 pm or by appointment. Clothing donations are gratefully accepted.

Continued community support for the center will go a long way to help keep services for the elderly available, where and when it is needed.

This year if all goes well, we will be putting on a new roof over the Meal site itself. We have three separate grants we went after to defray the $30,000 estimated cost to repair the roof. We are still short about $7,600 which we have to figure a way to come up with, but one way or another the job has to get done.

The added request of money this year was due to the sharp increase of fuel and the climbing costs of keeping the Center going so that we can maintain a decent level of services to our Elderly and Homebound, as they deserve any and every aid we as a community can give them.

For more information please call 892-6616.

I respectfully thank you for all considerations that you give our Senior Center.

Edward Wheelock, President/Chairman

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

I would like to thank all of you for your support of the council this past year. We have made a number of positive changes and completed a number of projects throughout the region. Once again we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

Over the past year we have continued to deliver planning services throughout the region as you will see in this report. We have and we will continue to adjust our capacities to respond to the needs of the communities and I think you will see this in the programs that we will be introducing in the coming years. We continued our strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. The Mount Washington Valley Technology Village and the Dartmouth Region Technology Center are two projects that are being implemented with funding provided by EDA. We have begun a Community Outreach program targeted at helping our planning boards with the difficult tasks of managing the planning activities in their communities. We have entered into an agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to do site assessments in our communities under the National Brownfields program. We are also very hopeful that the region will receive a Heritage Grant from the National Preservation Alliance to promote Heritage Tourism in our region. These programs as well as all the traditional programs in master planning, solid waste management, grant writing, natural resource planning and transportation planning will continue to be the focus of North Country Council. Please take the time to look over this annual report and give us some feedback as to where you think the council could improve and how we might better serve our communities.

Again, thank you for all of your support for the council. I hope that my staff and I can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully submitted;
Michael King, Executive Director

WEEKS HOME HEALTH SERVICE 2005 REPORT

Weeks Medical Center-Home Health and Hospice is grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Dalton and greatly appreciates your continued support and confidence. Town funding is critically important and is used to assist families and individuals who are unable to pay for Home Health and Hospice Services and to support care where funding does not cover direct costs.

Our Home Health and Hospice Services continue to provide Dalton residents with a wide range of services. Weeks Home Health and Hospice provides continuity of health care from the hospital to patients' homes. Services include skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapies; certified homehealth aids; homemakers; medical social services; intravenous therapies and care to the terminally ill.

Our Medicare Certified Hospice program continues to provide excellent palliative care to the terminally ill. Weeks Hospice is a special kind of holistic care...focusing on the emotional and spiritual needs of the family, as well as the physical needs of the patient at the end of life. No one is refused care based on an inability to pay. Over the last year, an increasing number of hospice patients received care, support and love from our nurses, aides and volunteers. To celebrate their memory, a luminary service was held and many residents from area towns were in attendance.

Thank you for your continuing support and confidence.

RIVERBEND SUBCOMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Riverbend Subcommittee updated the Recreation chapter of our Connecticut River Management Plan taking a close look at river access, riverfront recreational development, swimming, fishing, boating, and area trails. A new water quality assessment conducted for us by the State of New Hampshire indicates that the river in the Dalton area is safe for swimming and other recreation. We have now begun work on revising and updating the water resources chapter of our plan.

The Subcommittee continues to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river. We encourage all towns in our region to review our current Connecticut River CorridorManagement Plan, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for floodplain and shoreland protection. Heavy rains can send sediment from land clearing and removal of riverside vegetation into tributaries, demonstrating the critical importance of giving rivers and streams enough room.

The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, on the fourth Thursday evening of every other month at the Littleton Community Center. More information, including a calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan is on the web at www.crjc.org/localaction.htm.

Michael and Nancy Crosby, Dalton Representatives

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

As one of your elected public servants, I am honored to report to you in my role as Executive Councilor for District One.

My Constitutional and legal responsibilities while serving in this position parallel those of a Board of Directors. We administer state law and budgets passed by the NH House and Senate. We also must comply with federal laws and regulations when we accept federal programs, projects and grants.

One responsibility of the Governor and Council is to seek citizens willing to serve on the state volunteer boards and commissions. It is important that your region be well represented. If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, please send your letter of interest and resume to my office or directly to Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments/Liaison to the Council, Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301, Tel (603) 271-2121. Visit the Secretary of State's website to see what is available/open at: www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index/.

Sources of information from my office to you include: The New Hampshire Constitution; Official NH Highway Map; Organizational Chart of NH State Government; NH Political Calendar 2006-07; NH Executive Council brochure; Listing of toll-free phone numbers for resources and information.

Effective email/website sources includes: www.nh.gov for all state agencies; executive, legislative, state personnel, licensing boards, and much more. www.nh.gov/council/ includes duties, minutes of meetings, agendas for upcoming meetings and the history of the Executive Council. bcheney@nheom.state.nh.us Bruce Cheney, Bureau Chief all emergency management matters. www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/ All NH House Members email addresses.
www.gencourt.state.nh.us/senate/members/ All NH State Senate Members email addresses.

I am always available to assist you and your region in solving issues and concerns of importance to you.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO SERVE DISTRICT ONE.

Raymond S. Burton

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND COMMON GROUND

Director's Report

This has been an active and exciting year for our agency. New programs have been established and existing services have been improved. Some changes have been visible to the public and others have involved strengthening our infrastructure "behind the scenes" to allow us to serve you better.

Perhaps the most important change during 2005 has been the change in name of our parent organization. Previously Northern New Hampshire Mental Health and Developmental Services, we are now Northern Human Services. This decision was made after years of consideration by our board of directors, local advisory councils and management. This change reflects the fact that we are a major provider of human services in seventy-two towns in northern New Hampshire. The new name is also much shorter and will, hopefully, be easier to identify and remember! You will notice from the title of this report that our local program names have remained the same. We are the same agency, with the same staff, providing the same quality mental health, substance abuse and developmental services that have been essential parts of your community for the past 35 years. We have always been part of a larger entity, but, as always, your support will go to residents of your town.

Our services continue to expand as residents of the towns we serve are increasingly in need of supports. Services that were once provided by families and neighbors are now often unavailable from these over-burdened sources. This means thatpeople in need turn to us for help. Families with children who are struggling to function in their schools and communities are especially grateful that our staff are able to go into schools and homes to provide "on the spot" assistance when needed. Some of the other services available to residents of your community include:

24 hour crisis intervention and assessment service for mental health emergencies.

Individual, marriage and family counseling, offered by highly trained mental health professionals with a variety of specialties.

Medication consultations to local physicians by Board certified psychiatrists

"Full-life" supports for persons with serious and persistent mental illness, including housing, vocational and case management services.

Individualized home placements for fifty persons with developmental disabilities.

Life-enriching jobs and social connections for people with mental illness and developmental disabilities.

Substance abuse prevention and treatment by our staff of licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors

This year 31 residents received 1,454.25 hours of service at a discounted rate or at no cost. This was made possible by town contributions. Thank you for your generous support.

Respectfully submitted
Jane C MacKay, LICSW
Area Director

PHONE NUMBERS

To Report Any Emergency	DIAL 911
Canine Control Officers, Kathy Barden	837-9402
Fire Department - non-emergency	837-3100
Highway Garage	837-9821
Library	837-2751
Police Department – non-emergency	837-2703
Selectmen's Office	837-2092
Tax Collector	837-9802
Town Clerk	837-2092
Fax Line	837-9642

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Highway Department	7 AM - 3:30 PM	Mon-Fri
Library	2 PM - 5 PM	Mon & Wed
	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Wed
	10 AM - 12 Noon	Saturday
Police Department	5 PM - 8 PM	Monday
Selectmen's Office &	11 AM to 5:45 PM	Monday
Town Clerk	7 AM to 5 PM	Tues,Wed,Thur
Tax Collector	4 PM to 7 PM	Monday

9 AM to 12 noon Thursday

First Saturday of each month 10 AM to 12 noon

Transfer Station	12 noon - 5 PM	Tuesday

8 AM - 5 PM Saturday

Selectmen meet every Monday (except holidays) at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Planning Board meets the 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Victor St.Cyr	Term Expires 2008
Brian Hardy	Term Expires 2007
Dean Sweeney	Term Expires 2006

TOWN CLERK
Sandra B. York
Term Expires 2006

TAX COLLECTOR
Jessie Wentworth
Term Expires 2006

TREASURER
Sharon Tupper
Term Expires 2007

AUDITOR
Mercier Group

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Tammy Letson, Anna Gilbody, Helen Holmes

POLICE CHIEF
John E. Tholl, Jr.

FIRE CHIEF
Charles Packard

ROAD AGENT
Robert C. Wentworth, Jr.

HEALTH OFFICER
Dean Sweeney

MODERATOR
Charles Packard

CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICER
John E. Tholl, Jr.

LIBRARIAN

Doris Mitton

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Margaret Michaud	Term Expires 2006
Judith Picard	Term Expires 2006
Jean Abbott	Term Expires 2008

PLANNING BOARD

John Letson, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2006
Nancy McVetty	Appointment Expires 2007
William Howe	Appointment Expires 2006
Sandra York	Appointment Expires 2008
Dean Sweeney (ex-officio)	Appointment Expires 2006

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Doris Mitton	Term Expires 2010
Jessie Wentworth	Term Expires 2008
Sara Martineau	Term Expires 2006

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